

To the Right Honourable the Lord Maior, Aldermen, and Common Counsell of the City of London. These;

*Right Honourable, and right Worshippfull,*

**T**HIS his Majesties most gracious Letter, I *Thomas Viles of London Goldsmith*, brought from *Oxford* to *London*: and for doing his Majestic this service for the benefit and weale publique of this famous City, I have been committed prisoner to the Tower of London for three yeares and halfe, and for nine hundred twenty eight dayes of that time, was kept close prisoner in my Chamber, my Estate to a great value sequestred (too gentle a word for so cruell usage to the Kings messenger.) I doe likewise send to you here inclosed, a booke printed by *Peter Cole*, in *Corne bill* neare the Royall Exchange the 16. of *January*, 1643. Wherein you may see the transaction of this Busynesse concerning this his Majesties Letter, at large, printed by order of the two houses of Parliament, a booke worthy of your serious consideration, Now my humble request to you the Lord Major; Aldermen and Common Counsel and all other well affected people of the City of London is:

1. That you would seriously consider of this his Majesties most gracious letter unto you.  
2. That you would examine all or any of the Records of the Ciry of London, to see if ever any Messenger from any of his Majesties predecessors to this City of London, with the Kings letter desiring peace, hath been so hardly used as I have been.

3. That you would improve your interest with both houses of Parliament, that I may be discharged from my cruell imprisonment, may have the Sequestration taken off from my estate, and receive full reparations for all my dammages, and may have leave to attend his Majestic.

And if the particulars in his Majesties letter which I send you here the Copy off, shall yet be taken into your serious consideration, I humbly conceive it may prove in some measure an happy expedient, to prevent those dangers, mischieves, and inconveniences, that seeme to threaten disturbance both of the City and Kingdome: which I am imboldned humbly to offer to your wisedome, out of the zeale and affection my heart really beareth to the happiness, peace, and prosperity both of this famous City of London, and the whole Kingdom.

From my Prison in the Tower,  
this 28. of June, 1647.

Your honours and the Cities most humble  
servant, *Thomas Viles*.

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